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The Honorable Dean Rusk
The Secretary of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dean:

Thank you for your letter of March 8, concerning the Department of State series, "Guidelines for Policy and Operations". I am glad to know that our contributions to these papers have been useful to the Department.

I want to assure you that I share your view of the importance of the guideline papers. As replacements for NSC and OCB country and regional papers, they deserve the best effort that we can give them, and this is fully understood by the elements of this Agency concerned. We find these papers highly useful in our own work.

As you may know, Bob Amory wrote to [] on 13 December 1961, suggesting that broadened informal consultations at the first draft stage would be mutually beneficial and proposing a means by which this consultation might be accomplished. The result has been gratifying to us and, I trust, useful to you.

We wish to cooperate fully with you in the preparation of the guideline papers. Please call on me if I can, in the future, be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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